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SUBJ: NZZ COMMENTARY ON GRABER STATEMENT RE OIL PRODUCER/CONSUMER
RELATIONS

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1. IN SIGNED COMMENTARY JANUARY 10, NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG
CHIEF EDITOR FRED LUCHSINGER TOOK ISSUE WITH FONMIN
GRABER'S JANUARY 8 STATEMENT. LUCHSINGER TOOK GRABER TO
TASK FOR EXPLICITLY CRITIZING SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THE
MORAL TONES OF OLOF PALME. HE ARGUED THAT IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS, ISSUE IS NOT SO THEORETICAL
THAT A RESPONSIBLE POLICY SHOULD IGNORE CONTINGENCY OF
WESTERN STRANGULATION OR REFUSE TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT
SUCH OCCURRENCE WITH A DETERRENT WARNING. WHILE CONCEDED
RIGHT OF SMALL COUNTRIES TO CRITICIZE EVEN THE WORLD
POWERS, LUCHSINGER THOUGHT IT WELL NOT TO HURT OWN
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INTERESTS BY SUCH STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT EFFORTS TO

PURSUE A COMPLETELY NEUTRAL LINE SHOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN IF THEY ENTAIL " OBVIOUS AND CHEAP EFFECTS" ON OTHERS, THE MORE SO SINCE SWITZERLAND, NOT AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER, IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT CONFLICT, AND SHOULD HAVE DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

2. ONLY OTHER COMMENT ON GRABER STATEMENT WAS IN BASLER NATIONAL ZEITUNG WHICH, UNDER HEADING "SABER RATTLING", PRODUCED THE USUAL CRITICISM OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT. COMMENTATOR SAID IT WAS ESPECIALLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR SWITZERLAND TO SUPPORT SABER RATTLING SINCE OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO PULL CHESTNUTS OUT OF FIRE.
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